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MEMORANDUM FOR: Dr. Henry A. Kissinger

Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs

SUBJECT

: Personal Message for Dr. Kissinger

from Mr. Polgar

1. In a cable received this morning, our Vietnam Station Chief, Mr. Polgar, asked me to deliver the following personal message from him to you:

With reference to our talk on 2 April in San Clemente when you asked for a monthly "unadulterated" and uncensored field assessment of the situation, believe "Appraisal of Situation: At X Plus 90 in South Vietnam" and "Appraisal of Situation: Field Appraisal of Possibility That VC/VNA Forces Are About To Launch A 'General Offensive'" (the judgment being that they are not about to do so) provide the required overview. I have nothing further to add at this time. Please advise if you have specific requirements re content or format. Regards.

3. Copies of the two reports referred to in the above message are attached to this memorandum.

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3. As you know, I personally think a substantial increase of military action in South Vietnam is somewhat more likely—and may be more imminent—than the two attached reports indicate. Since we have discussed this matter at some length in recent WSAG meetings, there is no need to rehash the debate here. Mr. Polgar and I differ, and in the attached reports he presents a carefully reasoned analysis in support of his position.

George A. Carver, Jr.

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